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FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1885.

The Death of General Grant. Another of the world's heroes lies silent in death. The soldier to whom Lee surrendered has himself surrendered to the King of Terrors. The victor in a hundred battles is as powerless in the presence of the Universal Conqueror as the humblest of mortals, and so the great successful hero of the war between the States has laid down his sword and joined the innumerable throng that tread the pale realms of Death.

It is difficult for any American now living to do justice to General Grant's memory. The northern people and the southern alike are disqualified by the prejudices inseparable from the circumstances heretofore and now surrounding them.

What aught General Grant to have been if he was entitled to the high honors which have been accorded to him by his countrymen, and to the world-wide reputation which his achievements as a soldier gained for him? We answer, in few words, that he ought to have been a great man. Since the world began there have been few men who were really great, unless we include among such men those "village hamlets" and others alluded to by GRAY, who never had an opportunity to make their greatness manifest. Was General Grant one of the few? In our opinion, not only is his "one of the few, the immortal names that were not born to die," but his is one of the still fewer names that are entitled to immortality upon earth. He is not only one of the immortal, but he is one of the men by right. He was an AGAMEMNON—a "King of men." He was so pervaded by greatness that he seemed not to be conscious that he was great. He was magnanimous, modest, faithful to his friends, just to all men as far as his surroundings permitted, above simulation or dissimulation, self-poised, and equal to every occasion. He was not a MARLBOROUGH, nor a NAPOLEON, nor a LEE, nor a WELLINGTON, nor a WASHINGTON, nor a CAESAR, nor a HANNIBAL. He was nevertheless one of the greatest of generals—greater perhaps than some of those whom we have named. We are not qualified to express an opinion upon that point.

There was nothing small about General Grant, no puny faith, no perfidious element, no jealousy. His chivalrous spirit would not permit him to ask LEE or his officers for their swords, or LEE's men for their horses. "Go in peace" was the substance of his treatment of the heroes who surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse. His fidelity to his assumed but presumed or supposed obligations—his loyalty to truth and justice—caused him to forbid that General LEE should be arrested or annoyed by the Federal authorities. Even MOSBY, when the northern people styled a bushwhacker and guerrilla, was protected in all his rights by GRANT, and afterwards by him appointed to Federal office. When investigation convinced him that he and the army officers who were wronged by JOHN PORTER, he at once retracted his former belief and addressed himself to the task of righting the wrong, never for a moment hesitating because General LOGAN and nearly all the rest of the Republican senators were arrayed against him.

Right royally did GRANT demean himself in all these cases. Right royally did he keep faith with his brother-soldiers of the Confederate army. Right royally did he bear himself when last winter first one and then another person or association proposed to provide for him a competency. He refused all such offers. If he was worthy of a pension and a competency, it was the Government of the United States that owed it to him. Either he would have it thence or nowhere. Nay, we do him injustice. It was his friends who divined his feelings, not he. Right royally did he make them known. And right glad are we that Congress soothed his death-bed by restoring him to the army and giving him the pay of a general as a retired officer.

But his earthly career is ended. His fame is now assured. He has filled a large space in the eye of the world; and now there can be no reason for fear that he will not always fill it. Rest in peace, great warrior. Thou hast no longer enemies. None but friends can be found either in the North or in the South. The Confederate soldier will lay wreaths upon the hero's grave, and mourn with the millions that will mourn wherever the flag of a restored Union waves.

The Philadelphia Press says: "Seven postmasters of the presidential campaign were suspended on Monday, and it wasn't a very good day for offensive partisans either." But it was a very good day for seven fellows that are not offensive partisans."

"JOHN SHERMAN still insists that he is not a candidate for the nomination for Governor; but let them bring it to him on a silver salver, and see if he would reject it." We don't know about JOHN, but it is safe to wager that if a nomination was brought to BEN BUTLER on a silver salver he would not reject it—the silver salver, we mean.

The National Republic says: "The Administration prides itself on its book-keeping, but its organs make the mean mistake of charging to JOHN ROACH all the money squandered in navy-yards, under the management of commissioned officers, during the past twenty years." Well, it is not exactly right to make JOHN the scape-goat for the entire Republican party.

DOVER ASSOCIATION.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Another Fine Meeting—State Missions, Reports—The Master of Contributions, etc. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

LIBERTY (CRUICKSHANK). NEW KENT CO., July 23, 1885. The beautiful and beautiful hospitality which we found in the homes of the people put the delegates in fine plight and spirits for the meeting to-day.

There was, first, a most delightful prayer-meeting, led by Rev. Mr. Paty. STATE MISSIONS. Rev. Dr. A. B. Woodfin read an admirable report on the work, progress, and needs of the State Mission Board, bringing out the wonderful success which has crowned the work of the Board in the past and the grand possibilities which are before the Board in the future.

H. K. Ellyson, Esq., corresponding secretary of the Board, made a very clear statement of the work of the Board. In the course of his remarks he said, with great emphasis, that Virginia is more prosperous to-day than at any previous period in its history, and he used this as an argument for increased efforts to evangelize the grand old Commonwealth, and meet the needs of the increasing population. He brought out the fact that the contributions of the Virginia Baptist churches have been larger within the past twenty years for any twenty years previous to the war.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Woodfin said that the facts in reference to this Board are more eloquent than any speech could possibly be. Such facts as that over one-half of the Baptist churches of Virginia and West Virginia had been organized by the missionaries of this Board, and that 20,000 people had professed conversion under the labors of these missionaries in the last ten years, the speaker thought made a powerful appeal for more liberal contributions and more efficient work.

Rev. Dr. John Pollard made a brief but stirring address. J. William Jones spoke of the influence which Virginia is exerting on other States, and brought out the point that in working for State missions we are really working for the whole South. He then turned to the Rev. Dr. Ryland, Major V. Valden, and others made a few practical remarks, and the report was adopted.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES. Rev. S. C. Clifton read a very interesting report on the churches, which was followed by a report of the Committee on "Delinquent Churches," prepared by William Ellyson and read by Dr. Landrum. Then followed a number of two-minute speeches, bringing out the details of the condition and wants of each church in the Association.

During the recess there was another spread of good things on the tables, and there was enough and to spare for every comer. Afternoon Session. The Association reassembled with prayer by Rev. J. P. Woodward, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. G. P. Scott, of Richmond, read an admirably prepared report on Home Missions, leading a motion to adopt Dr. W. W. Landrum eloquently addressed the Association on the extent, needs, and splendid encouragements of the Home-Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. T. H. Elliott, Esq., read a carefully-considered report on the "Ministers' Relief Fund."

DELEGATES TO THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION—OTHER ITEMS. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) JULY 23, 1885. The City Democratic Convention met last night and elected the following delegates and alternates to the gubernatorial Convention: Delegates—Judge John T. Goodrich, Captain M. B. Row, Rev. J. G. Mason, Alternates—H. F. Crismond, John W. Rodgers, and Henry Dannel. The delegates were not instructed.

The Normal Institute is in session here, and the exercises are very interesting and instructive. About 250 teachers are in attendance, and others are arriving every day. The several refreshing showers of the past few days have put an end to the drought.

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CULPEPER.

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